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Applicants : AKIHIRO TADA and TOHRU TSURUHARA
Serial No. : 09/871,539
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For : MONOAZO METAL COMPLEX COMPOUND CONTAINING
COMPOSITION AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF
Art Unit : 1756
Examiner : Janis L. Dote

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the second Office Action dated December 17, 2002 (first Office Action on the merits), please enter the following amendment:

In the Specification:

Page 26 (of the 38 page amended specification filed August 8, 2001), please replace the paragraph starting at line 19 and ending at line 23 with the following amended paragraph:

After an aqueous solution comprising the above ingredients was cooled to 5°C, a solution of 14.0 g of sodium nitrite in 60 ml of water was added to the solution drop by drop over a period of 30 minutes. This mixture was stirred at 5 to 15°C for 1 hour, after which the reaction mixture was filtered, to yield an aqueous solution of the diazonium salt of 4-chloro-2-aminophenol (solution A).

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